

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

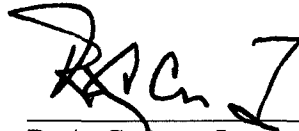
**DATE:** January 10, 2008

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging U.S.  
Congress to provide a safe  
haven for undocumented  
immigrant children

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Commissioner Katy Sorenson.

  
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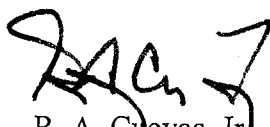


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

1-10-08

Override \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO PROVIDE  
A SAFE HAVEN FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT  
CHILDREN IN THE U.S. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS CONGRESS  
ADOPTS A NEW POLICY RELATED TO SUCH CHILDREN

**WHEREAS**, during the past several decades, there has been an increase in the number of undocumented children brought to this country by their parents; and

**WHEREAS**, some undocumented immigrant children were brought to the U.S. as infants, such as Juan and Alex Gomez, who currently have been allowed to stay in the U.S. until 2009, even though their parents have been deported to Colombia; and

**WHEREAS**, many undocumented immigrant children consider the U.S. their home and plan to remain here even though they do not have legal immigration status; and

**WHEREAS**, undocumented immigrant children typically do not themselves make the decision to come to the U.S., current U.S. immigration law treats such children no differently than undocumented immigrant adults; and

**WHEREAS**, these children live in fear of imminent unannounced detention, removal, and family separation; and

**WHEREAS**, such acts violate basic American values and traditions by destroying families, traumatizing and impeding the physical and psychological well-being and future of our children, and disrupting the social and economic cohesion of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress currently is considering several types of legislation to address undocumented immigrant children; and

**WHEREAS**, until Congress decides on a new direction for immigration policy, the U.S. should provide a safe haven for undocumented immigrant children,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:**

**Section 1.** Urges the U.S. Congress to pass legislation providing a safe haven for undocumented immigrant children in the U.S. until such time as Congress adopts a new policy related to undocumented immigrant children.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this resolution to the Florida Congressional Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's federal lobbying team to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above; and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2008 Federal Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Commissioner Katy Sorenson and offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman  
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
Carlos A. Gimenez  
Joe A. Martinez  
Dorrin D. Rolle  
Katy Sorenson  
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Audrey M. Edmonson  
Sally A. Heyman  
Dennis C. Moss  
Natacha Seijas  
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty